

Abstract

An apparatus (10) for helping to protect a vehicle
occupant (36) includes an inflatable vehicle occupant
protection device (44) having a stored, deflated condition
5 and an inflated condition for helping to protect the
occupant. An inflator (46) provides inflation fluid to
inflate the protection device (44). The apparatus (10)
also includes a flap (80) made of fabric material. The
flap (80) is stored with the protection device (44). The
10 flap (80) is deployed by inflation of the protection
device (44) into a position engaging and covering a head
(38) of the vehicle occupant for guiding deployment of the
protection device (44) over the head of the occupant.